

## “Misunderstood” Sermon Series: **Judge Not?**

Westview Baptist Church - Pastor Bryan Keith Dugger - 09.14.25



### I. **Cracked Foundations**

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*Key Truth:* Practice Righteousness In Every Area Of Life

### II. **Judging Others**

Matthew 7:1-6; Luke 6:37-40

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*Point:* Jesus Calls Us To Righteous Discernment & Judgment

### III. **Opposing Evil**

Ephesians 5:8-11; 1 Peter 2:11-17

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*Point:* God’s People Have An Obligation To Oppose Evil

### IV. **Courageous Allegiance To Jesus Christ**

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**Mid-Week Devotion** (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

*The United States is increasingly in distress. One significant reason is that many in the American Church would rather be coddled and comforted than obey and serve Christ. A nation cannot stand when its families are fractured, when the moral law that undergirds its civil laws is discarded, and when violence replaces respectful dialogue.*

*Practicing and upholding righteousness is not optional for the family of God. It is not merely the task of church leaders, nor is it something that can be outsourced to government or culture. It is the responsibility, duty, and privilege of every born-again believer.*

*Jesus suffered and died to cleanse you from sin and to set you free from its power. He calls you to die to sin daily and to make righteousness—for His glory—the preeminent pursuit of your life. No area of life is to remain unguarded, unattended, or unchanged by the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.*

*When we pursue holiness in every sphere—personal character, relationships, and society—we become people who can discern rightly. Jesus calls His followers to exercise righteous discernment and judgment (John 7:24), not hypocritical or self-righteous condemnation (Matthew 7:1–5). We are to evaluate our own hearts first, submit our will to the Lord’s, and then, empowered by the Spirit, speak and act against evil with humility and courage.*

*God’s people are to be salt and light (Matthew 5:13–16), upholding righteousness in the land. Ask the Lord where He is calling you to deeper obedience so you can judge rightly and be a faithful witness, bringing the light of Christ and His saving grace to a world lost in darkness. Pray that God would have mercy on America, making it a nation marked by peace, vigilant against evil, and open to the saving message of the Gospel. Ask Him to strengthen His Church to live righteously and shine brightly so that the hope of Christ will not be hidden in these challenging times.*